

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the elected claims. Claims 31-35 and 47-53 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-30, 36-46, and 54-82 remain unchanged and pending.

Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing four patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30, 36-46, and 54-82, drawn to wavelet transform, classified in class 375, subclass 240.19.
- II. Claims 31-35, drawn to forming an array of pixels, classified in class 348, subclass 425.3.
- III. Claims 47-50, drawn to sub-band coding, classified in class 375, subclass 240.11.
- IV. Claims 51-53, drawn to bit-plane coding, classified in class 348, subclass 390.1.

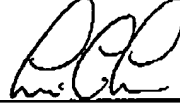
Applicant elects to pursue Group I, claims 1-30, 36-46, and 54-82. The claims in groups II-IV (claims 31-35 and 47-53) are canceled to facilitate prompt allowance of the pending application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

1 **Conclusion**

2 All pending claims 1-30, 36-46, and 54-82 are in condition for allowance.
3 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the
4 subject application.

6 Respectfully Submitted,

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